

Burgess Falls

Sustainability Features

Eco Efforts

Burgess Falls offers recycling of aluminum, plastic, and paper to both park staff and visitors. The park is currently using energy efficient lighting at the ranger residence, picnic shelter, storage area, office, and restrooms.

Biological/Ecological

The Eastern Hemlock occurs at Burgess Falls which is the Western most range of occurrence. The Park also is host to some unique flora in the “mist zone” below the waterfall(s).

The park’s Native Butterfly Garden was the winner of the 2006 Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Award in Excellence in Parks and Recreation. Every June, the park hosts its Annual Butterfly Garden Celebration. Events include staff led educational programs, hikes, butterfly identification, creek studies, landscaping with native plants and more.

Environmental Education

Every year, Burgess Falls hosts Junior Ranger day camps with nearly 180 kids participating in the activities. This park also hosts several environmental education events throughout the year.

Moving Forward

Education/Energy

Burgess Falls hopes to grow its environmental education program and explore renewable energy options for providing power to the park.

Park Highlights



- Located in Putnam County
- Visited by over 206,000 people in 2011
- Hiking trails and overlooks to the waterfalls
- Winner of two (2) Governor’s Environmental Stewardship Awards

